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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed on April 11, 2005, the time for response to which having been extended for two months from July 11, 2005, to and including September 12, 2005 (this being the first business day after September 11, a Sunday), Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 24 of this paper.